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Annual Report

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

ACWORTH

New Hampshire

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31, 1975

Please bring your Town Report to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 1976

The Letter Man Press

43 Elm Street Claremont, N.H. 03743

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

MODERATOR
Kenneth Grant

SELECTMEN
Raymond W. Roy-1976
Lyman A. Young-1977
Alston W. Barrett-1978

TOWN CLERK
Fay Knicely

TAX COLLECTOR
Leon F. Newton

TREASURER
Earl F. Luther, Jr.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECK LIST
Roselva Deardon
Gladys Ring
Maude Moody

OVERSEER OF THE POOR AND HEALTH OFFICER
Roselva Deardon

AUDITOR
Edward H. Brown

CONSTABLE
Elbert Knicely

DOG WARDEN

Jack I. Berquist

POUND KEEPER

Arthur Smith

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Roscoe Clark-1976
Don Sprague-1977
Virginia Amsden-1978

TRUSTEES OF ACWORTH SILSBY FREE LIBRARY

Scott Farley-1976
Maggie Hanson-1977
Barbara Hartwell-1978

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Virginia Amsden-1976
Kenneth Grant-1977
William Austin III-1978
Gordon H. Gowen-1976
Richard Elsesser-1977
Mario Cossa-1978

FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Harvey Bascom-resigned
Stanley Poltrack-appointed

ROAD AGENT

Roger L. Pelton

ROAD COMMITTEE

Harvey Putnem-1976- Chairman
Francis Wood-1976
Gordon H. Gowen-1977
Richard Wasowicz-1978-resigned
Arthur Smith Jr.-1977-resigned
Carlton Tinker-1977-appointed
Steven Saunders-1978 -appointed

ROAD AGENT MEMBER

Roger L. Pelton

SANITATION OFFICER

George F. Hanson

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS
(5 years)

Fay Knicely-1980 (chairman)
Robert Spaulding-1976 (Secy.)
Jean York-1977
Daniel Gehan-1977
Harvey Bailey-1978
James G. Phinizy-1979

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS
(3years)

Robert Yale-1978 (chairman)

Kenneth Grant-1978
G. Kristian Fenderson-1977
Arthur Smith, Jr.-1977

Craig Lawler-1978
Elizabeth Smith-1976
Kenneth Christie-1976

TREE WARDEN

G. Kristian Fenderson, N.H. State Forester Appointment

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS
(5years)

William Austin III-1976
Virginia Amsden-1976

Kenneth Grant-1977
Roscoe Clark-1977

Leon F. Newton-1978

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

Elbert Knicely, Chief.
Kenneth Grant, Secy.

Lyman A. Young, Asst. Chief
William Lord, Treasurer

AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Mildred Ingram

George F. Hanson

Co-Chairmen

Alston W. Barrett, resigned
Elbert Knicely, resigned

Kenneth Grant, appointed
Marshall Waller, appointed

Gary Bowen

TOWN DIRECTORS TO UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

G. Kristian Fenderson

James G. Phinizy

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Acworth on Tuesday, the second day of March, next at 7:30 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

5. To see if the Town will vote to rescind all action taken on Article 1 at the Special Town Meeting of June 7, 1975 and authorize the Selectmen to reconstruct the Town Hall as per plans submitted prior to and at the March 4, 1975 Regular Town Meeting; and further authorize the Selectmen to withdraw all money from all Capital Reserve Town Hall Accounts, further deposits to cease, and add all to all other reconstruction funds for use in 1976 for Town Hall reconstruction.
Ref. Arts. 7, 9, 1969.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budgeted appropriations for the following priority purposes and in amounts indicated or take any other action hereon:
Appropriation:

1. Acworth Volunteer Fire Co.	$2,000.00
2. Highway Equipment	5,000.00
3. Planning Board	1,500.00
4. Acworth Silsby Free Library	500.00
Total	9000.00

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw $2,000.00 from Capital Reserve Funds for use in 1976 to commence preparations for a Tax Map (R.S.A. 31:95A).
Ref. Art. 9-1972.

8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Budget as submitted and recommended by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

9. To see if the Town will vote to ratify a certain quit-claim deed, recorded in the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds on October 22, 1946, in Vol. 301, at Page 565, to John Faught and to relinquish any claim the Town might have to the property described herein. See page 66.

10. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue and make subject to gates and bars (R.S.A. 238:2) the following roads:

A. A portion of the Keys Hollow Road # 71 leading north 4,800' from the former Shaw dwelling in East Acworth to the Lempster Town Line.

B. The road # 70 leading north 1,800' from the Kennedy Hill Road towards the former Mitchell site.

C. The road # 76 leading south 8,360' from the Quinn dwelling to the Marlow Town Line.

D. The road # 136 leading west 2,180' from W. Campbell's dwelling.

E. The road # 66 leading north 1,800' from the west side of the Cold Pond Road through M. Gretch's yard (formerly Potter-Boothby dwelling). By Petition.

11. To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions and standards of R.S.A. 249:17, Driveways and Other Accesses to the Public Way. See page 51. By Petition.

12 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell with appropriate restrictions on use for a total price of $3,000.00, plus costs, a fifteen (15) acre portion of the Town Dump-Gravel Pit Lot, as shown herein by diagram and description, to George F. and Margarite Hanson. See page 67.

13. To see if the Town will vote to go on record as being in favor of a moratorium on the construction of nuclear power facilities within the State of New Hampshire until such time as the problems of safe disposal of nuclear waste and adequate reactor safety equipment and procedures have been met. By Petition.

14. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Non-Partison Ballot System for the election of Town Officers, per R.S.A. 59:73-1 and 2.

15. To see if the Town will vote to provide for the election by ballot of all members of the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. By Petition.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy six.

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Selectmen of Acworth

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:
Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

Acworth, N.H. March 2, 1976

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at South Acworth Village Store being a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of February, 1976.

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Selectmen of Acworth

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records of the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Tax Collector, and Treasurer and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
January 31, 1976 Edward H. Brown, Town Auditor

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 1975

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on March 4, 1975, according to the Warrant on preceding pages and acted on the articles thereon:
Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth Grant, who read the warrant and offered a prayer.

Presentation of an antique clock was made to Leon Newton in recognition of his 34 years as Town Clerk.

Art. 1 The following town officers were elected:
Selectman- Alston Barrett
Clerk- Fay Knicely
Tax Collector- Leon Newton
Treasurer- Earl Luther Jr.
Overseer of the Poor- Roselva Deardon
Auditor- Edward Brown
Constable- Elbert Knicely
Trustee of Trust Funds- Virginia Amsden
Library Trustee- Barbara Hartwell
Budget Committee- William Austin, Mario Cossa
Road Committee- Elmer Rhoades, Richard Wasowicz

Art. 2 Voted to empower the Selectmen to serve as Pound Keepers, Measurers of Wood, and Fence Viewers.

Art. 3 Voted to authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 4 Voted to Direct the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent.

Art. 5. Voted to raise money for repair and reconstruction of Town Hall as worded. Yes- 69, No- 27, Blank- 2.

Art. 6 Voted to repay debt incurred by Art. 5 as worded.

Art. 7	Voted to pass over.
Art. 8	Voted to table.
Art. 9	Voted to pass over.
Art. 10	Defeated.
Art. 11	Voted to table.
Art. 12	Voted to authorize selectmen to use Revenue Sharing Funds as worded.
Art. 13	Ammended article to elect five (5) members to form an American Revolution Bicentennial Committee as worded. Elected: Mildred Ingram, Alston Barrett, Elbert Knicely, George Hanson, Gary Bowen.
Art. 14	Voted to accept the budget as submitted except to reduce the amount appropriated for solid waste disposal by $4500.
Art. 15	Voted to table.
Art. 16	Voted to accept land in Pierce Brook Estates as worded.
Art. 17	Voted to accept land in East Acworth as worded.
Art. 18	Voted to endorse the repair and preservation of the Acworth 'Church on the Hill', as an American Recolution Bicentennial project with added amendment 'and accept any funds from any source for this project.
Art. 19	Same as Art. 18 except regarding Town Hall
Art. 20	Voted to pass over.
Art. 21	Voted to table.
Art. 22	Other business.

Voted to declare road past Fire Pond to Maude Moodie's as a Scenic Road.

Discussion of possible uses for town-owned lands. No action taken.

Mr. Barrett invited elderly people to apply for any tax exemptions that they may be eligible to receive.

Motion to itemize the tax bills was defeated.

Return to Art. 9 Ammended and voted 'to adopt the Non-Partison Ballot System for election of Town Officers.'

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m. and polls closed at 11:00 p.m.

Vote for School Moderator:

Marshall Waller-2, I. Tucker Burr-34, Blank-1.

Fay Knicely, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Acworth on Saturday, the 7th day of June, next at 7:30 of the clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Shall the Town accept the Town Hall Building Committee's plan for the repair and reconstruction of the Acworth Town Hall as proposed.

Amendment

Shall the Town accept the Town Hall Building Committee's plan for the repair and reconstruction of the Acworth Town Hall, as proposed, but that this proposed plan be accepted as the preliminary or basic plan. (This plan to be referred to a new expanded Building Committee which shall consist of five new members to be elected at tonight's meeting in addition to the present four members. Said new committee is to receive the Town Hall Building Committee's plan and to study and convert this plan into plans and specifications to be let out for bids.)

Given under our hands and seal, this 22nd day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five (1975).

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

Selectmen of Acworth

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

Acworth, N.H. May 22, 1975

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Village Store, being a public place in said Town, on the 22 day of May, 1975.

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

Selectmen of Acworth

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Town Hall at 7:30 on the evening of June 7th, 1975, according to the Warrant on the preceding page and acted on the article thereon:

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Kenneth Grant, who offered a prayer and read the warrant.

Following a presentation of the proposal by the Town Hall Committee, the following amendment was requested: 'but that this proposed plan be accepted as the preliminary or basic plan, this plan to be referred to a new expanded Building Commitee which shall consist of five new members to be elected at tonight's meeting in addition to the present four members. Said new committee is to receive the Town Hall Building Committee's plan and to study and convert this plan into plans and specifications to be let out for bids'.

A vote to end discussion of the amendment passed by a voice vote.

A ballot vote on the amendment passed with 64- yes and 44- no votes.

A ballot vote on the article as amended passed with 67- yes and 38- no votes.

Stanley, Robert McMahon, Leon Dutton, Julius Christie, and Elmer Rhoades were nominated and elected to serve on the committee with present members, Richard Elsesser, Daniel Gehan, Elbert Knicely, and Robert Shepard.

An opinion poll on the Parsons and Whittemore pulp mill proposed to be built in the area showed 14- Favor, 56- Against and 27 undecided.

Voted to adjourn at 8:40 p.m..

Fay Knicely, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Acworth Fire House in said Acworth on Tuesday, the sixteenth (16) day of September next at twelve of the clock, to act upon the following subjects: (the polls shall be open from 12:00 of the clock noon until 7:00 of the clock in the evening.

To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration.

WHEREAS, certain areas of Acworth are subject to periodic flooding from streams, rivers, lakes, etc., causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Town Meeting to require the recognition and evaluation of flood and/or mudslide hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood (and/or mudslide) hazards; and

WHEREAS, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to N.H. RSA Chapter 31, 36, 156, 156A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Town Meeting hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and

Vests the Planning Board with the responsibility, authority, and means to:

(a) Deleneate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.

(b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain.

(c) Cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood plain or mudslide areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

(d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

Appoints the Building Inspector to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded.

Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry our the objectives of the program.

To bring in your votes for the special election of United States Senator (Laws of 1975, Chapter 1).

Given under our hands and seal, this first day of September in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-five (1975).

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

A true copy of Warrant-Attest.
Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett

Selectmen of Acworth

Acworth, N.H. September 2, 1975

We hereby certify that we gave to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the Village Store, being a public place in said Town, on the second day of September, 1975.

Raymond W. Roy
Lyman A. Young
Alston W. Barrett
Selectmen of Acworth

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Inhabitants of the Town of Acworth met at the Acworth Fire House on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of September, 1975, at twelve (12:00)of the clock noon, according to the Warrant on the preceding pages and acted on the articles therein:

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 o'clock noon, by Moderator Kenneth Grant, who offered a prayer and read the warrant.

The ballot boxes were inspected and witnessed to be empty prior to voting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Art. I, followed by discussion. As requested, the selectmen agreed to challenge the map designating the flood plan.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Art. II.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Art. III.

Voted to adjourn until 6:45 p.m..

Meeting was reopened at 6:45 and closed at 6:59 p.m..

Polls closed at 7:00 p.m..

Ballot count as follows:

Art. I -Yes- 97, No -46, Blank -9.

Art. II -Yes- 90, No- 48, Blank - 14.

Art. III -Wyman -87, Durkin -66, Chimento -2, Blank -2.

Fay Knicely, Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976

Purpose of Appropriations	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1976/77
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officer's Salaries	3850.00	3850.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1600.00	2500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	150.00	500.00
Town Hall Expenses	200.00	200.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1400.00	2000.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	2200.00	600.00
Fire Department	2000.00	2000.00
Care of Trees	160.00	-00-
Insurance	3000.00	3500.00
Planning & Zoning & Conservation Comm.	800.00	1700.00
Damages & Legal Expense	1000.00	1000.00
Civil Defense	10.00	10.00
HEALTH DEPT:		
Visiting Nurse	1000.00	715.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	2000.00	2000.00
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES:		
Town Maintenance- (S&W)	30000.00	32500.00
Street Lighting	550.00	550.00
General Exp. of Highway Department	9000.00	10000.00
Town Road Aid	1146.19	1146.00
LIBRARIES:	1975.00	2250.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Town Poor	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00	600.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (Memorial Day, etc.)	75.00	75.00
RECREATION: Playgrounds	101.00	100.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	200.00	2000.00
Am. Rev. Bicentennial Committee	100.00	100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	430.00	550.00
DEBT SERVICE:		
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	12000.00	12000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds	4000.00	3000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1000.00	2000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:		
S. Acworth Bridge Acc.	3000.00	3000.00
Town Hall Renovation	40000.00	40000.00
PAYMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:		
Tax Map RSA 31:95A	1000.00	1000.00
Town Hall Renovation	5000.00	5000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS:	130047.19	136646.00

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year
FROM STATE:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	4000.00	3377.91	3000.00
Railroad Tax	-00-	-00-	-00-
Savings Bank Tax	300.00	524.71	400.00
Meals & Room Tax	2500.00	2933.03	2800.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV& V)	14066.00	14066.02	13643.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	769.00	807.00	800.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	237.00	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	150.00	-00-	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6000.00	7368.36	7000.00
Interest on Taxes	2000.00	2262.42	2000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	10000.00	-00-	17000.00
Resident Taxes	3200.00	2772.00	2500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	500.00	62.97	600.00
Rent of Town Property	-00-	-00-	-00-
Sale of Town Property & Gifts	-00-	4292.29	-00-
Income from Departments	-00-	-00-	-00-
Davis & Symonds Settlement	7500.00	7500.00	-00-
Bond & Note Issues (Contra)	35000.00	-00-	35000.00
SURPLUS FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:			
Revenue Sharing	5000.00	8409.00	9000.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	91185.00	54613.71	94043.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES: (Exclusive of County and School Taxes)	-00-	-00-	42603.00
TOTAL REVENUES			$136,646.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officer's Salaries	$3,850.00
Town Officer's Expenses	1,600.00
Election and Registration	150.00
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	200.00
Employee's Retirement and Social Security	1,400.00
Police Dept.	2,200.00
Fire Dept.	2,000.00
Care of Trees (Blister Rust Control)	160.00
Insurance	3,000.00
Planning and Zoning and Conservation Comm.	800.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	1,000.00
Civilian Defense	10.00
Health Dept. (Visiting Nurse Assoc.)	1,000.00
Town Dump	2,000.00
Town Class V Highway Maint. (Summer & Winter)	30,000.00
Street Lighting	550.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	9,000.00
Town Road Aid (Town's Share)	1,146.19
Library	1,975.00
Town Poor	200.00
Old Age Assistance	900.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day)	75.00
Recreation, Playground and Town History	101.00
Cemeteries	200.00
American Bicentennial Committee	100.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	430.00
Principal- Long Term Notes	12,000.00
Interest- Long Term Notes	4,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,000.00
Capital Outlay:	
1. South Acworth Bridge Account	3,000.00
2. Town Hall Renovation Account	40,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund Trustees:	
1. Town Tax Map	1,000.00
2. Town Hall Renovation	5,000.00
Total	$130,047.19

LESS: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Interest and Dividends Tax	$3,378.00
Savings Bank Tax	524.00
Meals and Room Tax	2,933.00
Reimbursement a/c State Lands	100.00
Revenue from Yield Tax	226.00
Interest Received on Taxes	2,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	150.00
Dog Licenses	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,000.00
Resident Tax	3,200.00
Surplus	2,500.00
Revenue Sharing	5,000.00
Proceeds of Long Term Notes Art. 5- 1975	35,000.00
Highway Subsidy Class V	14,066.00
Law Suit Settlement (Acworth vs Davis and Symonds) 2/14/75	7,500.00
Total Revenue and Credits	82,777.00
Net Town Appropriation	47,270.19
Net School Appropriation	127,658.59
Net County Assessment	20,607.26
Total: Town, School & County	195,635.04
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits, Tax Reimb.	2,691.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	2,300.00
Add: Overlay	2,983.64
Property Tax to be raised	198,227.68

PROPERTY TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Gross Property Taxes	$198,227.68
Less: War Service Tax Credit	2,300.00
Net Tax Committment	$195,937.68

Town	.92	--- 26.3%
School	2.22	--- 63.4%
County	.36	--- 10.3%

Total *$3.50 per $100.00 assessed valuation*

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land:		
Resident	770,523.00	
Non-Resident	1,596,446.00	2,366,969.00
Buildings:		
Resident	1,581,000.00	
Non-Resident	1,556,200.00	3,137,200.00
Total: Land & Buildings		5,504,169.00
Public Utilities-2		102,801.00
House Trailers, Mobil Homes, Trailers-26		
Resident	33,000.00	
Non-Resident	42,000.00	
Total		75,000.00
Boats and Launches-9		2,828.00
Total Valuation before Exemptions		5,684,798.00
Less: Elderly Exemptions		21,150.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		5,663,648.00

Equalized Valuation-$10,704,668.00

Number of Inventories Distributed	550
Date 1975 Inventories Mailed	March 13, 1975
Number of Inventories Returned	333

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Name of Appropriation	Appropriation	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers Salaries	3850.00	3850.00	-00-	-00-
Town Officers Expenses	1600.00	2003.73	-00-	403.73
Election & Registration	150.00	469.56	-00-	319.56
Town Hall	200.00	151.36	48.64	-00-
Emp. Ret & Social Sec.	1400.00	1700.45	-00-	300.45
Police Dept.	2200.00	1499.58	700.42	-00-
Fire Dept.	2000.00	2000.00	-00-	-00-
Care of Trees	160.00	152.00	8.00	-00-
Insurance	3000.00	3504.00	-00-	504.00
Planning & Zoning & Conservation Comm.	800.00	48.12	-00-	751.88
Damages & Legal	1000.00	1218.80	-00-	218.80
Civilian Defense	10.00	-00-	10.00	-00-
Visiting Nurse	1000.00	950.00	50.00	-00-
Town Dump	2000.00	607.13	1392.87	-00-
Highway Maint. (S&W)	30000.00	33182.04	-00-	3182.04
Street Lighting	550.00	530.57	19.43	-00-
Gen. Exp. Highway	9000.00	10396.20	-00-	1396.20
Town Road Aid	1146.19	1146.19	-00-	-00-
Library	1975.00	1975.00	-00-	-00-
Town Poor	200.00	10.00	190.00	-00-
Old Age Assistance	900.00	240.00	660.00	-00-
Memorial Day	75.00	75.00	-00-	-00-
Recreation & Town History	101.00	15.00	86.00	-00-
Cemeteries	400.00	400.00	-00-	-00-
Am. Rev. Bicent. Comm.	100.00	69.12	30.08	-00-
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	430.00	451.20	-00-	21.20
Principal-Long Term Notes	12000.00	11667.00	330.00	-00-
Interest-Long Term Notes	4000.00	3412.79	587.21	-00-
Interest-Tenp. Notes	1000.00	1872.72	-00-	872.72
Capital Outlay	-00-	-00-	-00-	-00-
1.S. Ac. Bridge Acc.	3000.00	3000.00	-00-	-00-
2.Town Hall Renovation	40000.00	304.00	4696.00	-00-
Payments to Capital Res.				
1. Tax Map	1000.00	1000.00	-00-	-00-
2. Town				
2. Town Hall Renovation	5000.00	5000.00	-00-	-00-
	130,247.19	92,901.56	8,809.45	7970.58
			Net Balance	838.87

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1975

ASSETS

Cash		$67.442.98
Bonds or Long Term Notes		
Authorized-Unissued		35,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Hall	15,024.33	
Tax Map	4,317.07	
Total		19,341.40
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(a)Levy of 1975	18,526.88	
Total		18,526.88
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1975, Including Resident Taxes	50,329.55	
(b) Levy of 1974	898.79	
Total		51,228.34
Grand Total		191,539.60

Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1974	19,630.48
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1975	35,645.19
Increase of Surplus	
Change in Financial Condition (Increase)	16,014.71

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds	$17,427.32	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	6,059.15	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	69,699.75	
Class V Maint. Allot. Duncan	3,502.76	
Other Liabilities:		
Consv. Comm. Acct.	168.03	
Town Hall, Ar. # 5-1975	35,000.00	
Town Hall, Art. # 5-1975 raised	4,696.00	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		$136,653.01
Capital Reserve Funds:		19,341.40
Total Liabilities		155,894.41
Current Surplus		35,645.19
Grand Total:		$191,539.60

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes-Current Year-1975	$144,692.98	
Resident Taxes-Current Year-1975	2,030.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes-Current Year-1975	-00-	
Yield Taxes-Current Year-1975	13.20	
Total Current Years Taxes Collected and Remitted		$146,736.18
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes-Previous Years		36,328.54
Resident Taxes-Previous Years		660.00
Poll Taxes		-00-
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		2,262.42
Penalties: Resident Taxes		82.00
Tax sales redeemed		5,708.05

From State:	
For Town Road Aid (Reimbursements)	1,574.87
For Class V Highway maintenance	12,606.47
For State Aid Construction	-00-
Highway Subsidy	14,066.02
Interest and dividends tax	3,377.91
Railroad tax	-00-
Savings Bank Tax	524.71
Reimbursement a-c State and Federal forest lands	126.55
State Aid For Flood Control Land and Water Polution Projects	-00-
Reimbursement a-c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	-00-
National forest reserve	-00-
Fighting forest fires	-00-
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll	338.67
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance	-00-
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,933.03
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	2,691.08
All Other Receipts from State (Bounties)	10.50
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	237.00
Motor vehicle permits	7,368.36
Total Current Revenue Receipts	$237,632.36

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	60,000.00
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	-00-
Proceeds of Bond Issues	-00-
Insurance adjustments	992.00
Refunds	772.01
Gifts	50.00
New Trust Funds received during year	-00-
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-00-
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	-00-
Sale of town property	4,242.29
Yield Tax Security Deposits	-00-
Assissments for Water, Sewer & Sidewalk Const.	-00-
Premiums on Bonds Sold	-00-
Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold	-00-

Grants from U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing	8,409.00	
All Other Receipts (Davis & Symonds)	7,500.00	
Revenue Sharing from Savings Account	5,000.00	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		86,965.30
Total Receipts from All Sources		324,597.66
Cash on hand January 1, 1975		45,558.52
Grand Total		370,156.18

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	3,850.00
Town officers' expenses	2,003.73
Election and registration expenses	469.56
Municipal and District Court expenses	-00-
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	151.36
Reappraisal of Property	-00-
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	1,499.58
Fire Dept, including forest fires $2,000+$992	2,992.00
Moth extermination	
Blister Rust and Care of Trees	152.00
Planning and Zoning	24.72
Bounties	20.00
Insurance	3,504.00
Civil Defense	-00-
Conservation Commission	23.50
Health:	
Health department, including hospitals & ambulance	950.00
Vital statistics	-00-
Sewer maintenance	-00-
Town dumps and garbage removal	607.13
Highways and Bridges:	
Town Road Aid	1,146.19
Town Maintenance (S-W)	33,182.04
Street lighting	530.57
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	10,396.20

Libraries:		
Libraries $1,975. + $500.	2,475.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	240.00	
Town poor	10.00	
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	-00-	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	75.00	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	15.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water & electric depts.	-00-	
Cemeteries, including herse hire	400.00	
Bicentennial Commission	69.12	
Unclassified:		
Damages and Legal expenses	1,218.80	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	451.20	
Taxes bought by town	9,878.96	
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	83.00	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	1,700.45	
Payments to trustees of trust funds (New Trust Funds)	-00-	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses (TRA)	1,591.07	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$13,704.68
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debts:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	1,872.72	
Paid on long term notes	3,412.79	
Paid on bonded debt	-00-	
Total Interest Payments		5,285.51

Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	60,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	11,667.00	
Payments on bonded debt	-00-	
Total Principal Payments		$71,667.00
Capital Outlay:		
Highways & Bridges-State Aid construction	-00-	
Highways & Bridges	13,319.99	
Water Works construction	-00-	
Revenue Sharing Act	8,669.73	
Sidewalk Const.	-00-	
Sewer Const.	-00-	
Lands & Buildings (Town Hall & Garage)	2,454.00	
New equipment	-00-	
S. Acworth Bridge	3,000.00	
Payments to capital reserve funds	6,000.00	
Tax Maps	-00-	
Total Outlay Payments		$33,443.72
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Resident Taxes Paid State Treasurer	-00-	
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	404.38	
Taxes paid to County	20,706.26	
Payments to School Districts	125,830.12	
Total Payments to Other Govermental Divisions		146,940.76
Total Payments for all Purposes		337,047.17
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1975		33,109.01
Grand Total		$370,156.18

RECONCILATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt-Dec. 31, 1974		52,500.00
New Debt Created During Fiscal Year:		-00-
Total		52,500.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:	11,667.00	
Total		11,667.00
Outstanding Long Term Debt-Dec. 31, 1975		$40,833.00

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

South Acworth Bridge Account	
Balance Jan. 1, 1975	$23,561.17
Interest to Feb. 21, 1975	185.91
Reinvested in 2½ Cert. of Deposit #810053-3	$23747.08
Interest to Dec. 31, 1975	1359.22
Balance Dec. 31, 1975	$25,106.30
South Acworth Bridge Account #7-1-0231-2	
Deposited Dec. 30, 1975 1 yr. C.D.	$3000.00
Interest to Dec 31, 1975	.49
Balance Dec. 31, 1975	$3000.49
Revenue Sharing Account (90 day)	
Balance Jan 1, 1975	$1975.68
Deposits	8669.43
Interest	414.04
Withdrawl	(5000.00)
Balance Dec. 31, 1975	$6059.15
Conservation Commission Acct.	
Balance Jan 1, 1975	$138.87
Deposit	20.81
Interest	8.35
Balance Dec. 31, 1975	$168.03

Earl F. Luther, Jr.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

LEVY OF 1975

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property	$193,814.58	
Yield	271.54	
Resident	3,580.00	
Penalties collected	16.00	
Added property tax	10.50	
		$197,692.62
Paid Treasurer	$146,752.18	
Abatements	610.89	
Uncollected		
Property	48,521.21	
Resident	1,550.00	
Yield	258.34	
		$197,692.62

Levy of 1974

Uncollected Jan 1, 1975	$38,212.61	
Interest collected	1,930.03	
Added resident taxes	190.00	
Penalties collected	66.00	
		$40,398.64
Paid Treasurer	$38,984.57	
Abatements	515.28	
Uncollected	898.79	
		$40,398.64

I hereby certify that the foregoing report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leon F. Newton
Tax Collector

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975

1.	Town Hall, Land and Buildings	$12,000.00
	Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
2.	Library, Land and Building	18,000.00
	Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
3.	Police Dept., Land and Buildings	0.00
	Equipment	3,000.00
4.	Fire Dept. Land and Building	12,000.00
	Equipment	35,000.00
5.	Highway Dept., Land and Building	30,000.00
	Equipment	40,000.00
	Materials and Supplies	4,000.00
6.	Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Rights of Way	5,000.00
	Conservation Lands (2 parcels)	6,000.00
7.	All Land acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
	1. Jennison Lot	4,000.00
	2. Prouty Lot	2,000.00
	3. Howe Lot	1,000.00
	4. Johnson Lot	1,000.00
	5. Gove Lot	15,000.00
	6. Farnsworth Lot	5,000.00
	7. Barton Wood Lot	300.00
	8. Marion Turner Lot	2,000.00
		$201,300.00

Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1975

	Tax sales on account of the levies of		
	1974	1973	Prev.
Unredeemed 1-1-75		$5468.50	$8887.47
Sold to Town during year	$9878.96		
Interest collected after sale	20.62	161.39	150.38
	$9899.58	5629.89	9037.85
Remittances to Treasurer			
Redemptions	1940.26	2286.54	1481.25
Interest	20.62	161.39	150.38
Unredeemed 12-31-75	7938.70	3181.96	7406.22
	$9899.58	5629.89	9037.85

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales	1974	1973	Prev.
Benway, Rene	294.20		660.13
Campbell, Win & Rodney	154.93	140.90	638.89
Campbell, Winfred	947.58	840.85	1451.52
Chouinaid, Guy, & Carol			442.84
Gehan, Dan & Mary		408.65	1169.14
Soboll, John			317.39
Quinn, Helen	492.38	444.20	1167.13
Weston, Wm. J.	233.38		
Cruz, Richard	160.85		
Davis & Symond	932.76		
Goodwin, Edw. G.	47.33		
Sebert, Wm.	176.95		
Smith, Walter	423.75	383.90	419.89
Champney, Arnold	220.17	197.98	212.29
Relihan, Ronald	262.80		90.71
Barton, Thomas			89.73
Graus, John	135.33		
Martin, Francis	118.05	87.65	11.77
Balla, John J.	313.77		
Barth, Herman	443.35	326.60	
Rothschild, David		41.53	
Smith, Olcot		56.05	
French, Kenneth & Helen		253.65	
Deardon, Thomas Est.	388.45		
Starcher, Cleveland D.	575.97		
Johnson, Wallace & Mary	557.15		
Carter, Dorothy E.	478.70		
Monty, Richard	262.62		
Rumrill, Donald	263.28		
Moran, David	54.95		234.79
Total	7938.70	3181.96	7406.22

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

1.Town Officers Salaries

Raymond W. Roy, Selectman	$600.00
Lyman A. Young, Selectman	600.00
Alston W. Barrett, Selectman	600.00
Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector	600.00
Fay Knicely, Town Clerk	600.00
Earl F. Luther Jr., Treasurer	400.00
Edward H. Brown, Auditor	100.00
Elbert Knicely, Constable	300.00
Roselva Deardon, Overseer of Poor	50.00
George F. Hanson, Sanitation Officer (payment declined)	0.00
	$3850.00

2. Town Officers Expenses

N.H. City & Town Clerks-dues	$ 20.00
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials-dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association-dues	10.00
Perambulation-Marlow Town Line	7.00
Z.E. La Forge-deed registration	7.10
Typing service	93.25
Telephone	157.78
Postage	297.30
Chase's Office Supplies	462.63
N.H. Treasurers-boat registration	5.39
Tax Meetings	17.00
The Letterman Press	509.58
Branham Publishing	11.40
Miller Publishing	25.20
Brown & Saltmarsh-tax book & forms	31.00
Wheeler & Clark-dog tags	25.20
Paymaster Corp.-check writer	184.00
Eagle Publications	22.50
Keene Publications	33.75
Homestead Press-tax collector's forms	73.65
	$2003.73

3. Election and Registration

Roselva Deardon	$63.00
Maude Moody	49.00
Gladys Ring	63.00
Mildred Ingram	7.00
Katherine Burke	7.00
Virginia Amsden	7.00
Robert Boothby	7.00
Kenneth Grant-Moderator	40.00
Model Press	67.50
Keene Publishing Co.	37.80
Miller Publishing Co.	67.30
The Letterman Press	18.90
Eagle Publishing Co.	21.56
Fall Mountain Printing	13.50
	$469.56

4. Town Hall

Rodney Adams Septic System Design-Town Hall	$80.00
S.R. Young, Inc.-heating gas	38.36
Don Sprague-custodian	25.00
Stove Parts	8.00
	$151.36

5. Police Deptartment

Town of Charlestown-cruiser	$600.00
Motorola-radio	309.00
Acworth Garage-parts, repairs & tires	195.78
R & R Communications	134.80
Colburn-cruiser lights	35.00
Colonial Signs-insignia	25.00
Elbert Knicely-general expenses	200.00
	$1499.58

6. Acworth Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

General Expenses	$2000.00

7. Insurance

Burns and Masiello Ins. Co.	
1. Workman's Compensation	
2. All buildings, vehicles, liability and bonds	$3504.00

8. Planning and Zoning

Postage and supplies	$24.72

9. Conservation Commission

N.H. Association of Conservation Commission	$20.00
Printed pamphlets	3.50
	$23.50

10. Dog Damages and Legal Expenses

R.J. Shortlidge Jr., Attorney	$1218.80

11. Fall Mountain Visiting Nurse Association

Dues and Services	$950.00

12. Town Dump

Nelson Pecor	$272.00
Ralph Balla, Inc.	186.00
Kenneth Grant-shelter	68.00
Eagle Publications	47.04
Miller Publications	26.40
Depot Homecenter	7.69
	$607.13

13. Street Lighting

Granite State Electric	$530.57

14. Town Class V Road Maintenance
Summer and Winter

A. Labor:

Roger Pelton	$9849.05
Don Porter	9735.33
Mike Porter	190.82
	$19775.20

B. Equipment Rental and Services:

Richard Woodbury-screening sand, 1500 yards at .85	$1275.00
Morton Salt Company-road saslt	1159.31
Frank W. Whitcomb-hot mix	1079.65
Nothern Culvert Company-culverts	975.16
Town of Unity-repairs, Quaker City Road-Acworth	895.38
Chemical Corp.-road salt	863.22
Ralph Balla, Inc.-truck and dozer	695.00
Fred Porter-shovel	312.00
Roger L. Peton-jeep plowing	310.00
Don Porter-truck	267.00
Acworth Garage-services	223.75
James Dunlop-truck	156.00
Ronald Shaw-plowing Coffin Hill Road	155.00
Kenneth Winham-truck	120.90
George Deardon-truck	113.10
Merriam-Graves-welding supplies	29.80
Carol Robbins	12.00
	$8642.27

C. Tax Service

N.H.treasurer	$1455.91
Internal Revenue Service	3308.66
	$4764.57

Summary:

A. Labor	$19,775.20
B. Equipment Rental	8,642.27
C. Tax Service	4,764.57
	$33,182.04

15.General Expenses

R.E. Hinkley-gasoline	$2462.27
Bergeuin's-parts and repairs-2 trucks	2224.76
R.N. Johnson-supplies and parts	1552.12
Ed's Equipment-parts and repairs-2 trucks	1037.63
Merriam-Graves-welder, parts and supplies	673.14
Frank W. Whitcomb- hot patch	519.61
Keats, Inc.-parts and repairs-loader	499.63
Cota and Cota-fuel oil-grader	453.11
Sanel-parts for equipment	352.05
James Dunlap-5 tires, wheels, gas tank etc.	200.00
Angell's-parts and supplies	157.08
Relihan's Garage-inspections	60.00
R.C.Hazelton--grader parts	47.10
Acworth Garage-services	45.70
No. Walpole Supply-supplies	37.92
Kmiec's Garage-services	33.06
Sentinel Printing-public notice	15.20
Sull, Co. SCD-gravel location map	13.50
Ray's Garage-inspection	10.00
Whipple's Garage-tool	2.32
	$10396.20

16. Library

Silsby Free Library Trustees	$1975.00

17. Old Age Assistance

N.H. State Treasurer	$240.00

18. Town Poor

	$10.00

19. Memorial Day

Britton-Porter Post	$75.00

20. Parks and Playgrounds

Christine Barnard	$15.00

21.Cemeteries

Gladys Ring, Treasurer	$400.00

22.Advertising and Regional Association

U.V.-L.S. Regional Planning Council	$326.00
N.H. Municipal Association	100.00
Miller Publishing	25.20
	$451.20

23. American Revolution

Bicentennial Committee

The Letterman Press	$47.00
Gary Bowen	16.62
Mildred Ingram	3.00
Kay Storms, Treasurer	2.50
	$69.12

24. Social Security (Towns Share)

N.H. State Treasurer	$1700.45

25. Taxes bought by Town

Leon F. Newton, Tax Collector	$9878.96

26. Debt Service

Long Term Notes	
1. Principal	$11,667.00
2. Interest	3,412.79
Tax Anticipation Notes-Interest	1,872.72

27. County Tax Committment

Sullivan County-Treasurer	$20,706.00

28. Fall Mountain Regional School District

Mirium Ward, Treasurer per Town Fiscal Year	$127,658.59

29. South Acworth Bridge Account

Total Available	$28,106.79

30. Deposits to Capital Reserve Funds

Trustees of Trust Funds	
1. Town Hall Renovation-Dec. 31, 1975	$15024.33
Tax Map-Dec. 31, 1975 Per RSA 31;95-A	$4317.07

31. Town Garage

Steel Reenforced Concrete Floor	$2150.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Report of Activities for 1975

Early in 1975, at our request, a timber and land-use inventory was completed on three parcels of town-owned land. This extensive project was accomplished without any expense to the Town by the State Department of Resources and Economic Development. Mr. Brian K. Simm, District Forester, with departmental personnel, completed the inventory which covered the southern portion of the Gove Lot, the Jennison Lot, and the Prouty Lot. The report stressed the wisdom of retaining those particular lots for economic, historic and recreational purposes. In certain areas some timber harvest is recommended. Results of this inventory were shared with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission, and the completed reports are on file with the Planning Board and Town Clerk.

The bridge crossing the Cold River at Leon Newton's corner leading to Forrest Road was completed by mid-summer and officially accepted by the Town on September 2, 1975

Concurrently, the bridge at East Acworth crossing the Cold River was totally reconstructed in the record time of twelve days. The contract for reconstruction of this bridge, which had been closed for over six months, was agreed upon May 7, 1975. Reconstruction began on May 12th, the the new bridge was open to traffic on May 24th. The work was done by the firm of Leclerc and Biron Construction Co. of Contoocook, N.H., and included major reconstruction of the east abutment, and preservation treatment with sandblast/epoxy applications to the west abutment. Steel for the bridge had been purchased at a favorable price in January from the Northeastern Culvert Company. We are most pleased that this bridge could be completed out of regular highway funds, and a special capital appropriation was not necessary. The total cost was $11,754.24, which we felt was reasonable when compared with expensive bridge reconstruction. We are also pleased not only with the results of the work done, but the interest shown by the two companies in assisting the Town with technical data and other extremely useful advice before and during this important highway project.

Flash-flood damage continues to be a problem at culverts, and particularly at points where improper driveway access allows runoff from yards and driveways, thus damaging Town roads. This was most evident after one particular summer storm where almost all the damage was caused by improper construction and location of driveway access by lot owners. This problem may be controlled in the future by better planning and regulatory action using and enforcing the Access-to-Highways permit system.

In order to provide for a concrete floor in the new Town garage, approximately 100,000 board feet of timber was sold from the Town Dump Lot. At the request of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hanson, the cutting was halted in an area adjacent to their land, and they purchased the remaining standing timber. At the same time they expressed an interest in purchasing this area adjacent to their property.

On June 7, 1975 a Special Town Meeting was called by the Selectmen concerning the acceptance of the Building Committee's report pertaining to the proposed reconstruction of the Town Hall. This was felt necessary after the work on the building was halted in the initial stages at the request of citizens who opposed continuation of the project without the project having been competitively bid on. The majority of the Selectmen had felt that the project, as described and presented to them and the public by the Committee in the course of the past years, was acceptable, proper, and valid, and that it was in the best financial interests of the Town to proceed. The expanded Building Committee, which resulted from the June 7th meeting, did not present this Board with anything which would allow resumption of reconstruction.

On September 16, 1975, a second Special Town Meeting was held in conjunction with the Special U.S. Senatorial Election. This Meeting convened at the Acworth Volunteer Fire Co. building for the purpose of electing a U.S. Senator and to vote upon Flood Plain Zoning in order to be in compliance with certain Federal requirements regarding Federal assistance in times of disaster and mortagages granted from federally-controlled banks. The vote was in the affirmative, and the Selectmen have taken initial steps to comply with the many provisions of this Federal law.

A project which has been somewhat overshadowed by other activities of the year, is the development of a Tax Map, which is required to be completed by 1980. Research is continuing and negotiations are under way to see if significant work can be done using local skills rather than employing very costly commercial firms.

During the early fall the Board of Selectmen from Marlow met with this Board and perambulated the common boundry between the two towns. Markers were found, repaired, re-cut and generally put back in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Selectmen

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT- 1975

The people of Acworth have continued their interest in, and support of, the Acworth Silsby Library. This has been gratifying to the Trustees. This interest has been proven by numerous gifts of money, books, magazines and hours of work by volunteers. The Community Aid, Parent's Club, and Acworth Woman's Club have made generous contributions of money and several books were given in memory of Albert Derrington. Other books and magazines have also been donated by residents. Three volunteers, two every Thursday and one on Tuesday afternoon have been most helpful. One other volunteer is on call. People have also been of assistance when the Bookmobile made its four visits. A successful Book Sale was held in July. Books were donated for this and old and duplicate copies of library books were included.

Children come from the school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Every Thursday when the first, second, and third graders come there is a Story Hour. This was continued weekly throughout the summer.

Additional shelving was built and several chairs recaned from funds received through Revenue Sharing. Unfortunately, a large amount of money had to be spent for furnace repairs.

Representatives attended District Advisory Council meetings in Keene, Claremont and Newport. Effort has been made to keep abreast of new book offerings for both adults and children. Mrs. Newton attended two book buying sessions in Keene. There is an awareness of reader's interests and desires when books are selected for purchasing. Arts and Crafts are very popular.

The per capita circulation for Acworth is fourteen (14) volumes which surpasses the circulation figures for towns in the State of comparable size. There was an increase of 989 volumes in the circulation in the year 1975. This shows excellent participation on the part of the public.

Maude H. Moody-Librarian
Ella P. Newton-Assistant Librarian

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY BUDGET 1975

Electricity	$ 120.00
Fuel	275.00
Salaries	1108.00
Custodian	75.00
Books	50.00
Maintenance	
Revenue Sharing	500.00
Supplies & Miscellaneus	100.00
	$2228.00

This budget is drawn up on the assumption that the library will be open one more hour after the first of March. It will be open 9 hours per week instead of 8 hours as it is now.

Revenue Sharing
Priorities for Capital Improvements
- Shades
- Painting the Bird Room
- Basement stairs
- Stormwindows

Respectfully Submitted by:
Library Budget Committee

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY REPORT 1975

Additions in 1975: Fiction, 150, Non-fiction, 67, Juvenile, 40, Records, 3. Total 261

No. of magazines in circulation	43
No. of Common Borrowers Cards issued	6
No. of Books borrowed from the State Library	75
No. of books borrowed from the Keene City Library	160
No. of books, magazines, and records circulated	6869
Fiction	2426
Non-fiction	1483
Juvenile	2098
Magazines	714
Records	148
No. of books borrowed from the Bookmobile	4546
Fiction	1525
Non-Fiction	1427
Juvenile	1584
Records	10
No of visits	4

Maude H. Moody, Librarian
Ella P. Newton, Asst. Librarian

RECEIPTS: 1975

Balance Dec. 31, 1974	$ 254.30
Int. Trust Funds	97.88
Town & Revenue Sharing	1975.00
Gifts	128.56
Sale of books and fines	102.97
	$2558.71

EXPENDITURES:

Electric	$ 75.55
Fuel	237.88
Salaries	856.80
Custodian	75.00
Supplies, Misc.	97.95
Books, Magazines & Records	624.52
Maintenance	504.75
	$2472.45
	$2558.71
	2472.45
Balance-Dec 31, 1975	$ 86.26

Treasurer: Barbara Hartwell

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

In 1975, Mr. Robert Ward, the Regional Planner of the Lake Sunapee Council, representing the southern half of our Regional Planning Commission, spent much time in Acworth at the joint meetings of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission in assisting with the preparation of the forthcoming Master Plan. His guidance and expertise are available to the Town through the technical-assistance program of the Regional Planning Commission. Through his efforts and the cooperation of the Commission's staff the Master Plan will be produced at a cost less by hundreds of dollars than it could be if produced by a commercial firm. Even more interesting is, that this will be done in a year in which the Commission has seen fit not to raise member town appropriations, and one in which State and Federal monies for planning purposes are shrinking at an alarming rate.

Despite shrinking funds, furthered by inflation, planning on a regional scale continues, and a project which the Commission has helped the Newport Chamber of Commerce with, should help the entire area.

With Sunapee Council help, the Chamber was the only body in New Hampshire to receive a Federal Grant to improve rural public transportation. In the very near future a bus system will be established serving Newport, Sunapee, New London, and Claremont. If successful, it could, in the future extend into portions of Acworth. In the meantime it can be an economic asset to the greater area in providing transportation to working, shopping and recreation areas for those without private means of transport.

We continue to solicit comments on matters of regional importance, which might be subject for our consideration, and we urge the public to support increased State funding in this important field.

Respectfully submitted,

G.K.Fenderson, Director
J.G. Phinizy, Director

ACWORTH PLANNING BOARD REPORT 1975

For several years we have been working toward a Master Plan for Acworth, as per the requirements set forth in R.S.A. 36:13. This has included soil studies and interpretations, elevation studies, assessment of current land uses, and public services. We have studied the status, physical condition, uses names and management of our roads. With this information we have established a set of goals and policies for the town. The following is a brief outline of the goals as presented at a public meeting in August.

GOALS

A. General Goals

1. To preserve and improve the present environment and character of the Town.
2. To preserve and enhance its rural appearance and atmosphere.
3. To define, recognize, and meet the needs of its people; economic, social cultural, educational, recreational, civic, historic, transportation, and any other.
4. To protect and enhance scenic, historic and natural areas.
5. To specifically protect certain natural areas from improper development-floodplains, ponds, and wet lands, prime agricultural land, and higher elevations, and selected 'wild areas.'
6. To provide for orderly growth and development of the town over the next 25 years.
7. To identify and achieve optimum growth rate and population size.
8. To control the level of municipal services at the level which is compatible with local incomes.
9. To increase the self-sufficiency of the town.
10. To increase efforts for local energy conservation through wise land use planning and resource management.
11. To encourage that Acworth become a mixture of 'bedroom' residental town, seasonal and second homes, retirement homes supporting services, and commercial and family agricultural enterprises.
12. To encourage the development of 'cottage industries' in Acworth; which will be primarily clean, non-polluting, small scale, owner-operated, and locally employing.
14. To promote the development of non-intensive natural resource-based industries in the field of forest and agricultural products.
15 To preserve the 'rural quality' of recreation and recreational areas.
16 To obtain or retain conservation easements to important local recreation areas.
17. To provide for appropriate development of non-intensive commercial recreation.

18. To protect and properly manage the town Road System within the financial means of the town.

Since reaction by those attending the meeting seemed favorable, these goals remained basically the same. As we continue to work on the policies, there will probably be some modifications, and we are still very much open to suggestions. The Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council is presently working on combining the natural and manmade factors and tempering them as goals and policies to prepare a set of alternative sketch plans.

It is hoped that this work will be completed and presented to the town at a public hearing in the spring.

While final adoption of the Master Plan is the responsibility of the Planning Board, the preparation has involved many more. Much of the data gathering and mapping has been done with the selectmen, Conservation Commission, Road Committee, Sullivan County Soil Conservation Service, our County Engineer, and the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council. The goals are a result of many meetings and discusions with these groups with consideration given to every answer and comment on the questionnaire or at public meetings. The final plan will, of course, be used by the entire town as well.

By summer we expect to start drafting a revised zoning ordinance. There will be at least two public hearings and possibly a special town meeting to adopt this.

Other possible means of implementing the Master Plan are adoption of an official map, a building code, site-plan review, road specifications, and aquisition of land or easements.

It is hoped that everyone will really make an effort to attend all public meetings and give us their opinions.

Respectfuly submitted,
Acworth Planning Board

ANNUAL REPORT
Acworth Conservation Commission

Much of the Commission's efforts in 1975 were expended toward the preparation of the Town Master Plan. At many joint meetings with the Planning Board, we discussed issues and areas which were concerned with conservation, recreation, growth and development. The recommendations, which resulted from these meetings, will be presented to the public in a more specific form at the public meetings and hearings that will be held in the coming months. We strongly urge those who have an interest in the natural areas of Acworth and their conservation to attend and participate in these future meetings, which will be publicized well in advance.

To better acquaint many of us and to reacquaint others, the Commission plans to sponsor a trail ride with four-wheel drive vehicles to some of the areas of particular interest and concern in mid-Summer of 1976. This will enable citizens unable or unfamiliar with some of our most interesting features to better understand what specifically we wish to preserve.

In 1975 we were unable to find an eligible student interested in the Conservation Camp sponsored by the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions and the Society for the Protection of new Hampshire Forests. As we feel that this remains a worthwhile project, we will repeat our efforts in 1976.

One of our members paid a visit to the State Department of Fish and Game to express interest in its plans for Mitchell Pond. The Department shares our concern that the pond remain untampered with, and further expressed great admiration and interest in our activities, specifically our conservation zone along streams and pond shores. In fact, it has requested a copy of our regulations to use as a guide for other towns interested in protecting their watersheds.

In closing, we wish to re-emphasize that we all have the duty to use our land wisely, and hope all citizens will help us achieve that end through an active interest in land-use planning.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Yale, Chairman

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

As the Highway Budget is the second largest expense item faced by Acworth taxpayers (exceeded only by School and County), your Committee has held many meetings with the Selectmen and Road Agent this year, taking hard looks at such items as:

1. New Construction (TRA and Town) .

It was the consensus of opinion that TRA funds for 1976 be used to cap Luther's Hill, and complete the Crane Brook Road to the Charlestown Road section: to cap the new construction (1975) on the Forest Road. Future priorities will be for two (2) small pieces of Forest Road, and then work at the completion of the Crescent Lake Road.

2. Sealing maintenance of present roads.

Sealing and edge care of existing blacktop roads is imperative to maintain and prevent deterioration of those good sections of roads (both TRA and town constructed, in the following order:

(a) Crescent Lake Road
(b) Crane Brook to the 1975 construction:
(c) East Acworth Road:
(d) The good sections of Derry Hill Road and Charlestown Road: and
(e) That the 1976 capping be sealed in 1977.

3. Abuse of any roads during mud season.

The Selectmen have our approval to take firm stand on mud season use of all highways, using their authority to post any roads as need arises.

4. Construction of new driveways and access roads considered damaging and/or expensive to town Highway maintenance.

The Selectmen, Road Agent, and Zoning Board shall enforce Section 17; Chapter 249, NH Statutes re driveways and accesses to public highways.

5. Changing some pieces of road from Class V to Class IV (see Warrant).

6. Discontinuing maintenance from December 7 to May 1 on others deemed nonessential during this period.

Summary: On the whole, equipment isn't too bad. Hopefully, our $3,500.00 'stop-gap' grader can be used one (1) more year. However, be prepared to think in the 1977 Budget proposals for expenditure for one (1) new or good used grader.

The 'small' truck should have two (2) years more use before losing most 'trade-in' value. (This includes 1976 and 1977). The 4 WD used for plowing only should be good for a while.

We wish to thank all who, willingly or not, have put up with inconvenience. **'WE ARE TRYING !'**

Signed: The Road Committee
Harvey Putnam, Chairman
Francis Wood
Elmer Rhoades
Gordon Gowen
Steven Saunders (App.)
Carlton Tinker (App.)

REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS BY TOWNS
CHAPTER 245:3

The money so raised and collected shall be expended in repairing Class IV and Class V highways by the agents elected or appointed for the purpose, under the direction of the selectmen.

LIABILITY FOR OBSTRUCTION OR INJURY TO HIGHWAY
CHAPTER 249:37
DAMAGING HIGHWAY: PENALTY

If any person, without authority, wilfully injures any highway or bridge thereon by destroying or taking away any plank, timber, stone or other material thereof, or by digging any pit therein, he shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months.

CIVIL LIABILITY
CHAPTER 249:38

If any person shall place any obstruction in a highway, or cause any defect, insufficiency or want of repairs of a highway which renders it unsuitable for public travel, without authority, he shall be liable to the state for all damages to the highway when maintained by the state, and to the town for all damages to other highways, and for all damages and costs which the town shall be compelled to pay to any person injured by such obstruction, defect, insufficiency or want of repairs.

GENERAL INFORMATION CHAPTER 249:17

The fundamental objectives are : (1) to provide maximum protection to the public through the orderly control of traffic movement into and from the highway, (2) to provide a uniform practice throughout the state in the design and construction of entrances and exits and, (3) to provide the necessary drainage at all times to ensure a safe and controlled approach to the highway in all seasons of the year.

POLICE REPORT-1975

Early in the year at a meeting with the selectmen, it was agreed to appoint Jack Berquist and Arthur Smith to assume dog officer responsibilities. Mr. Berquist was also authorized to assist the constable in the event that it was needed. This arrangement has worked quite well.

We feel that some effort should be made to locate owners of stray dogs or homes found, and in nine out of ten cases we have been successful.

Arthur Smith was paid $50.00 for care of dogs and expenses incurred locating owners or homes. Jack Berquist was paid $50.00 for answering complaints and picking up stray dogs and destroying one dog. He was also paid $25.00 for police assistance.

In June we purchased the tired and retired Charlestown police cruiser--although tired it was priced right. Some repairs were made at the local garage, the doors repainted and radio equipment installed with a new componant which enables direct communications with state police units on a local level. At this time the car is fully equipped and should be of good service for the next few years.

It has been most valuable as identification at accidents, day patrols at Cold Pond, checking for reported burgulars, etc. An example was a call at three a.m. last summer from a part-time resident who had discovered a 'ticking' in his car. He had reason to believe and felt that a delayed timing device had been placed in his car before his departure from New York City. I was able to be in radio contact with a State Police bomb expert while I conducted a very cautious but thorough search of the car, and was able to discover the cause and eliminate his concern.

Burglary is the biggest and most frustrating concern to the small town police. Since generally the perpetrators are from out of town, or, at any rate, the stolen property is quickly disposed of out of town, it is rare that enough evidence is found locally to make an arrest. We were able to do so this summer because two residents suspicions were aroused and they reported what they saw.

However, the majority of these cases must be turned over to the State Police for investigation, and of the hundreds of items reported stolen from town in the last several years, almost nothing has been recovered. Based on this experience, it is my feeling that the State Police should place more emphasis on this type of problem.

Elbert Knicely
Constable

January 24, 1976.

Report on the Acworth Bicentennial History

In defining the purpose and content of the Bicentennial History, it soon became evident that a 'sequel' to Merrill's 1869 History of Acworth would not serve the interests of future readers very well. Some areas of history are covered very sketchily, if at all, in Merrill's History and even today, that book is not readily available.

The objective now is to prepare an integrated history of Acworth from the beginning of the town to 1976, drawing information from any source that may be of value. Merrill's History is one such source, as is the material prepared for the Historical Society in 1967/8 by Mr. Newton F. Tolman (covering 1868-1967). Unfortunately, this latter requires extensive additions and revisions and cannot be used in its original form.

Much time and effort have been spent during 1975 abstracting material from original Town records, papers in the N.H. Historical Society in Concord, records in the N.H. State Library and in the N.H. Records and Archives Center, and deeds on file in Keene and Newport. Work is progressing, although considerable further effort is required. Assistance will be welcomed from anyone who seriously desires to help complete the history as soon as possible.

Besides 'old' history, there will be a description of Acworth in 1976. Also, special attention will be given to the most recent period (within the memory of those now living). It is expected that the Acworth American Revolution Bicentennial Committee's project for collecting orally the recollections of older inhabitants and also for photographing present houses and buildings will contribute significantly to these sections.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Griffiths Barry,
Vice President,
Acworth Historical Society, Inc.

REPORT OF THE FALL MOUNTAIN VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
December 31, 1975

In 1975 the Fall Mountain V.N.A. made 2478 visits and, in addition, saw 216 patients in cancer prevention and blood pressure clinics. This is a total of 2694 patient services, 90 % more than were provided in 1974. A total of 363 different individuals were serviced in 1975, which is 6% of the population of the four-town area.

Since activity far exceeded what was anticipated, the proposed budget of $29,289 for 1975 proved unrealistic. Total expenditures by the Agency in 1975 were $37,637.22, $8,348.22 more than had been planned for. It was able to meet expenses through reimbursements by patients, government agencies, miscellaneous gifts and the $2.00 per capita, contributions made by the four participating towns.

Contributions by the towns are a significant part of the V.N.A. budget, enabling the Agency, in particular, to serve those patients who are ineligible for reimbursement by Medicare, Medicade and private insurance. A breakdown of the sources of income during 1975 follows:

Medicare payments 47.18%
The Four Towns ($2/capita) 31.53%
Patient Payments 11.99%
Medicade Payments 6.52%
Miscellaneous Income-Memorial Gifts,
Interest, Commun. Dis., Contributions 2.78%

Distribution of services by the Agency for the year is shown in the chart below:

Town	# Nurse Visits	# O.T. Visits	# Pts. Seen in Clinics
Acworth	230	1	37
Alstead	332	81	60
Charlestown	1507	104	79
Langdon	203	20	40

For 1976 the participating towns are requested to contribute $1.50 per capita, instead of the $2.00 assessed in 1975. It is possible this will not totally underwrite the Association's non-reimbursed costs, but in that event the Board of Directors will seek other sources to fund the balance.

(North Walpole, in addition to Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, and Langdon, will receive V.N.A. services beginning January, 1976.)

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Frazer, Director
Fall Mountain V.N.A.

TOWN HALL STATEMENT

Forty years ago, the Town voted 'That the Woman's Club of Acworth be allowed to put an 18 ft. addition on the north end of Town House, same to be used for a stage, and that a committee of four consisting of Walter Slader, Guy Neal, Cara Johnson and Sarah Potter with the assistance of Hartley Dennett constitute a building committee.' (Town Mtg., March 12, 1935)

During our planning and research for the proposed reconstruction of the Town Hall we were given the original plans drawn by Mr. Dennett with the Following statement.

PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO THE ACWORTH TOWN HALL

An extension of 18 ft. at the rear of the Town House, to be one large room, for division by curtains into Stage and Dressing Rooms. Floor 2½' above Hall floor. Opening into Hall 20 ft. wide. Also a door at either end of the North wall by which to enter the dressing room ends of the North wall by which to enter the dressing room ends of the Stage, and as fire exits.

In the space beneath the stage, if possible an excavated cellar about 8 x 17 ft. under each 'dressing room' end. The concrete floor would be 3½ to 4 ft. below the main sill of the present building.

The N-W Cellar, with outside entrance, to be reserved for a future hot air furnace for heating the whole building. The chimney flue rising from this cellar would have an opening in the Hall for an additional stove for temporary use, and an opening for a small cook-stove in the dressing room, the stove to be a part of the small kitchen outfit for use at this end of the addition.

The N-E Cellar, reached from the East Stage Entry by a short stairway, would have space for a chemical toilet. Each side of the Stage to have an outside door, the one on the West convenient to the woodpile while the building is heated by stoves, and for access to the furnace cellar and a second toilet (by an area door).

A slight projecting porch on the front of the building would provide a vestibule for ticket-taking and to protect the audience from drafts. It is especially desirable to fill the practical needs of the enlarged Town House in such a way as to serve also to make the building conform in appearance to the Church front and Steeple. It is through that priceless relic that Acworth is known to increasing numbers of lovers of New England.

A true copy
Attest: Fay Knicely
Town Clerk & J.P.

Unfortunately, the Woman's Club apparently was unable to complete the project as proposed, namely the concrete floor and hot air furnace, which probably would have preserved the original addition.

Although many articles through the years were approved to make repairs, improvements, and complete this project, it has been allowed to deteriorate beyond salvage. How long must we wait for a respectable meeting place for the Town of Acworth?

Elbert D. Knicely
Richard Elsesser
Robert Shepard
Daniel Gehan

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

In the event that in honor of the American Revolution Bicentennial or for any other reason individuals might wish to plant or designate certain trees within any town rights of way as 'public trees' it is suggested that they contact the Tree Warden personally, or through the Acworth Conservation Commission.

'Public Trees' can only be designated when occuring on town owned property or within town rights of way. The Tree Warden must determine what if any trees may qualify. For those considering the planting of a commemorative tree the following are recommended on the basis of longevity and freedom from pests.

Oaks-white, red and pin
Maples-Norway and vigor
Linden-little leaf
Katsura tree
Ash-Marshall's seedless

Respectfully submitted,
G.K. Fenderson, Tree Warden

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE CO., INC.
REPORT FOR 1975

Chief - Elbert Knicely
Secretary - Kenneth Grant
Treasurer - William Lord

Directors

Arthur Smith '76
Stephen Saunders '75
Robert Yale '76
Francis Wood '75

We responded to the following emergencies last year:

Jan. 17 Hidden Springs, Cabin fire
Jan. 20 Theroux, Chimney fire
Feb. 26 Austin, Barn fire
March 12 Cold Pond, Car fire (Followed by arson investigation)
March 28 Randall, Cabin fire
April 6 Dieffenbach, House fire (Followed by arson investigation)
April 29 Champney, Trailer fire
May 12 Pfhol, False alarm
Aug. 3 Downing area, Lightening fire
Aug. 4 Charlestown Road, Gas wash
Sept. 28 Grout Hill, Lost person found
Oct. 19 Newall Pond area, Assisted Marlow at trailer fire
Oct. 20 Rosner, Chimney fire
Oct. 27 Putnam, Chimney fire
Dec. 7 Dump fire (Suspected arson)
Dec. 16 Barth, Chimney fire
Dec. 29 Lynn Hill area, Lost persons found

A new radio had to be purchased this year as our old base station was hit by lightening. However, we were most surprised and pleased to recover nearly 85% of our loss through the Town's insurance coverage. (A far cry from our experience of a few years ago!) We also bought four new protective outfits of coats, helmets, and boots, and four new tires for the Army truck.

A much-needed paint job has been started on the firehouse. Since turkey shoot maintainance and operation takes most of our free time during the summer, we were unable to complete this before cold weather. It is our goal to finish the paint job, reshingle the roof, and possibly build a macadom apron between the firehouse and the road for the Bi-Centennial year.

Several members were again able to attend fire school sponsored by the Southwestern Mutual Aid.

Many thanks go to the four individuals who made donations to the Fire Co. and to the Fire Auxilary.

Elbert Knicely
Chief

ACWORTH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

On May 9th we received $400.00 from the town. This was due to the fact that we had not received our $200.00 for the previous year; therefore they gave us the total amount for 2 years in one payment. Two gifts of money were given us in memory of Albert Derrington and Morris Ring. These were appreciated and we would like to thank the donors.

Our expenses for the upkeep of the cemeteries this summer came to $423.00. This included raking and disposing of leaves, cutting brush and mowing of all three cemeteries. This is higher than usual, because in the past we have only concentrated on one cemetery and this year we maintained all three.

"The Sandblaster" from Lebanon, N.H. was hired to repair some of the stones which he did at a cost of $974.00. We were all pleased with his work and it is our desire and hope to have all the stones repaired this coming year. It would seem to be an appropriate time and a good bi-centennial project.

At the present time we have $1316.38 in the Savings Bank of Walpole and $1326.57 in the New Hampshire Savings Bank of Concord, N.H..

Gladys Ring
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H. ON DECEMBER 31, 1975

Name of TRUST FUND	How Invested	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
Cemetery	N.H. Savings	18996.86		1037.35	1036.35	18997.86
Acworth Library	N.H. Savings	1789.06		97.88	97.88	1789.06
Town Hall	C.R. Savings	4497.01		253.45		4750.46
Tax Map	C.R.Savings	3155.60	1000.00	161.47		4317.07
Town Hall	C.R. Savings	5017.13	5000.00	256.74		10273.87
Acworth Cemetery Trustees	C.R. Savings	1259.85		58.60	266.13	1052.32

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

During the Year December 31, 1975

Date	Place	Names	Residence
June 15, 1975	S. Acworth	Earle French Lillian Royce	Perkinsville, Vt. S. Acworth
June 30, 1975	S. Acworth	Mario M. Cossa Susal A. Sullivan	Acworth Acworth
May 30, 1975	S. Acworth	David Parker Howard Meridith Jane Roberts	W. Bridgewater, Mass. Waterville, Que., Can.

BIRTHS REGISTERED ON THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

During the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Date	Place	Name of Child	Parents
May 4, 1975	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Brian Luman Gehan	Daniel J. Gehan Mary Ann Bock
Apr. 3, 1975	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Jonathan Adam Landry	Roger R. Landry Barbara A. Barth
May 10, 1975	Keene, N.H.	Elias Hanusiak	L. Gregg Hanusiak Barbara J. Kaczorowski
Mar. 24, 1975	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Cynthia Ruth Bascom	Bruce E. Bascom Elizabeth Parker
Apr. 24, 1975	Claremont, N.H.	Jeffrey Allen Reed	Carl A. Ring Bette J. Butson
Apr. 24, 1975	Springfield, Vt.	Earle	Dennis B. Earle Deborah J. Daniels

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ACWORTH, N.H.

During the Year Ending December 31, 1975

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place
Richard Jeffery	77	Sept. 10, 1975	Claremont,N.H.
May L. Greene	95	Aug. 19, 1975	Acworth, N.H.
Albert J. Derrington	65	Feb. 17, 1975	Deland, Fla.
Millie M. Marsh	93	Apr. 19, 1975	Bellows Falls, Vt.
Myrtie R. Young	97	Jan. 20, 1975	Springfield, Vt.
Fay A. Evans	74	Jun. 29, 1975	Keene, N.H.

1974 EQUALIZED PROPERTY TAX VALUES AND TAX BURDENS

DATA PREPARED BY: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY APPRAISAL DIVISION

This information is presented only for comparison purposes

AVERAGE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN

		EQUALIZED FULL VALUE	(per $100)
1974	STATE/TOTAL	$11,156,171,380	2.28
	Acworth	$11,007,221	1.72

LOWEST PROPERTY TAX BURDEN 1974

CITY/TOWN	EQUALIZED FULL VALUE
1. Harts Location	$.00
2. Ellsworth	.35
3. Newington	.47
4. Hebron	.49
5. Shelburne	.53
6. Landaff	.62
7. Tuftonboro	.62
8. Stoddard	.64
9. Randolph	.67
10. Easton	.74
11. Moultonboro	.74
12. Madison	.76
13. Orange	.77
14. Washington	.77

HIGHEST PROPERTY TAX BURDEN

1. Berlin	3.54
2. Strafford	3.49
3. Durham	3.39
4. Greenville	3.32
5. Langdon	3.31
6. Laconia	3.25
7. Portsmouth	3.20
8. Newton	3.16
9. Claremont	3.16
10. Dover	3.13
11. Kingston	3.12
12 Manchester	3.10
13. Plaistow	3.10
14. Merrimack	3.03
15. Pelham	3.02
16. Goffstown	2.99
17. Keene	2.97
18. Charlestown	2.95

EXCERPTS FROM THE N.H. STATUTE 478

1. Qualification for Bonus. Each person who actively served for a total period of ninety days or more in any capacity as a member of the armed forces of the United States between August 5, 1964 and August 15, 1973 or who served in the Vietman area at any time between July 1, 1958 and August 5, 1964 and earned the Vietnam service medal or the armed forces expeditionary medal; and who was discharged, released or has a certificate of service therefrom, under honorable conditions, or who is missing in action; and who at the time he entered such active military service and at the time of discharge or release, was a bona fide resident of this state, shall be entitled to the benefits provided under this act. Enacted August 22, 1975. More information and application forms available from Town Clerks.

Request from the Office of TOWN CLERK

The following years are missing from the official collection of Town Reports. If anyone should have extra copies, please contact the Town Clerk.

1889, 1894, 1896, 1902, 1903, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1913, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1933, 1936.

P.O. Acworth, N.H. 13601
or 835-2295

CHAPTER 39

TIME FOR HOLDING TOWN-MEETINGS AND WARNING THEREOF

39:1 Meetings, When Held. A meeting of every town shall be holden annually on the first Tuesday of March for the choice of town officers and the transaction of all other business. A town-meeting may be warned by the selectmen, when, in their opinion, there shall be occasion therefor.

39:2 Warrant. The warrant for any town meeting shall be under the hands of the selectmen, and shall prescribe the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, if there is an election at said meeting, in which an official printed ballot containing more than one name is used, the warrant therefor shall prescribe the time the polls are to open and also an hour before which the polls may not close. A town meeting may vote to keep the polls open to a later hour but may not vote to close the polls at an earlier hour than that prescribed by the selectmen hereunder. The subject matter of all business to be acted upon at the town meeting shall be distinctly stated in the warrant, and nothing done at any meeting, except the election of any town officer required by law to be made at such meeting, shall be valid unless the subject thereof is so stated. Provided that in case where the article in the warrant calls for the appropriation of specific sum of money the sum of money appropriated thereunder may be decreased or increased by the vote of the town, provided further that in a town under the municipal budget act no increase shall be valid which would violate the provisions of RSA 32:8.

Ref: Article 9

Town of Acworth
to
John H. Faught

Quitclaim Vol. 301, P. 565
Dated Oct. 15, 1934
Ack Oct. 15, 1934
Cons Recited
Rec'd Oct. 22, 1946

"Know all men by these presents:

That, the Town of Acworth, a municipal corporation, in the Town of Acworth, County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, in consideration of the sum of $1.00 and other valuable consideration, received in full satisfaction of John H. Faught of Acworth, County of Sullivan, State of N.H. the receipt whereof it does hereby acknowledge, has given, granted, bargained and sold and by these presents does give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto the said John H. Faught, his successors and assigns forever, a certain piece or parcel of land lying or being in the said Town of Acworth and described as follows- On the north by land of Alice Patty Holden; on the east by land of Hattie Cabot; on the south by land of Mable George and the house lots of Dames Nichols, and Bertha Prince and John H. Faught; on the west by the highway leading to Acworth Town; meaning to convey about 40 acres. Reserving the water rights of Mable George and right to make necessary repairs of same."

One Witness to all Three

Corporate Seal of the
Town of Acworth
Signatures of
Solon L. Neal
March Clard
Leonard E. Smith
Selectmen of Acworth.

Ref: Article 14

NEW HAMPSHIRE NON-PARTISAN BALLOT LAW

The provisions contained in Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 59, Section 73 as amended by the Session Laws of 1965.

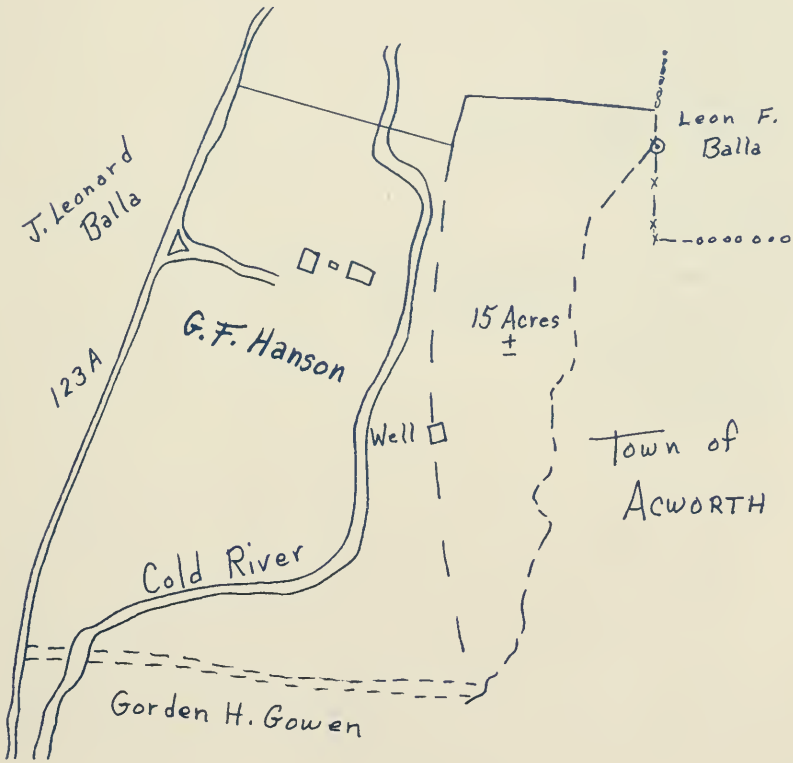
"Adoption of Non-Partisan Ballot System. Towns may adopt a non-partisan ballot system, as hereinafter provided, for the election of town officers under an article in the warrant for any annual or special meeting at which action is to be taken, and may rescind such action in like manner. If such ballot system is adopted by a town, the system shall not be in effect in said town until the town meeting next following the meeting at which such action is taken. In towns where this ballot system is in force, a plurality vote shall elect. The town Clerk shall prepare the ballots and all candidates for office shall file their declarations of candidacy ot petitions of nomination with the Town Clerk no earlier than thirty-five days before and no later than five o'clock in the evening of the second Monday next preceding the day of the election."

Ref: Article 12

The price discussed is $200.00 per acre and the survey indicates that the acreage under discussion is 15. As we have already paid $1,200.00 for timber rights based on an estimated area of 12 acres the amount that would be paid to complete the purchase is $1,800.00, ie $1,200.00 for the land on which we have acquired timber rights and $600.00 on the three acres upon which no payment has yet been made.

The boundry between the land that we wish to purchase and that which would be retained by the Town follows the center line of a very sharp and well-defined ridge, and on the south end it intersects an old town road now used as a snowmobile trail. We would like to dedicate part of our portion of the crest of the ridge for a recreational trail for hiking, horseback riding , cross-country skiing etc. as well as snowmobiling provided that the trail would be constructed and maintained so there would be no erosion.

Our reason for wishing to purchase this property is to protect the spring belt that supplies our water supply, and to preserve, in a natural state, that portion of the Cold River watershed that lies directly up slope from the land that we already own.



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